GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1427
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BUFFER STOCK MAINTAINED BY FCI
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the buffer stock of foodgrains maintained by FCI was far in excess of normslaid during 1993-96 and 1998 resulting into excessive carrying cost which ranged between Rs. 450 crores and Rs. 1853 crore during 1993-98;

(b) if so, the reasons for maintaining such huge quantity of stocks violating the laid down norms; and

(c) whether any proposal to enquire into the matter and to ensure compliance of the laid down norms?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b) & (c) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.